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SUBJECT: LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT FROM PRIME MINISTER DESAI

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A LETTER DATED APRIL 2, 1977 TO  
PRESIDENT CARTER FROM PRIME MINISTER MORARJI DESAI. THE MINISTRY  
OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS LETTER, WHICH RESPONDS  
TO THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS, BE TRANSMITTED TO THE  
WHITE HOUSE. THE EMBASSY WILL POUCH THE SIGNED ORIGINAL.

2. QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR WARM MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS AND  
GOOD WISHES ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE. INDIA SHARES WITH THE  
UNITED STATES A FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE FUNDAMENTAL LIBERTIES OF  
THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT. OUR RECENT  
ELECTIONS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE MATURITY OF OUR PEOPLE AND THEIR  
FEARLESS INTEREST IN THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THE REPRESENTATIVES WHO  
SHOULD HOLD THE REINS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COUNTRY'S GOVER-  
NANCE. MY COLLEAGUES AND I ARE CONSCIOUS THAT A HEAVY BURDEN LIES  
ON OUR SHOULDERS IF WE ARE TO REDEEM THE PLEDGE TO GIVE TO OUR  
PEOPLE A BETTER LIFE IN A WAY WHICH GUARANTEES THEM FULL FREEDOM  
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

3. INDIA HAS ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THOUGH THE CHALLENGE OF GROWTH  
AND DEVELOPMENT IS PRIMARILY ONE FOR US AND OUR PEOPLE, WE CANNOT  
DO SO IN ISOLATION. WE HAVE, THEREFORE, ALWAYS CHERISHED THE  
POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING BENEFICIAL COOPERATION WITH ALL FRIENDLY  
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COUNTRIES ON THE BASIS OF DIGNITY AND EQUALITY. THOUGH INDIA AND  
THE UNITED STATES ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY APART OUR RELATIONS HAVE RANGED  
OVER A VAST FIELD OF COMMERCE, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL,  
INTELLECTUAL EXCHANGE AND BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. UNITED  
STATES HAS BEEN IN A VERY SIGNIFICANT WAY A PARTNER IN OUR OWN  
QUEST FOR SELF-RELIANCE. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN DEEPEN AND  
EXTEND OUR BILATERAL COOPERATION AND IN DOING SO STRENGTHEN INTER-

NATIONAL STABILITY AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE CORRECTION OF THE GRAVE  
IMBALANCES IN THE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER. THE POTENTIALS OF OUR  
RELATIONS CAN BE OF POSITIVE BENEFIT AND IN NO WAY NEED BE REPUG-  
NANT TO THE INTERESTS OF EITHER OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES OR OUR COMMON  
CONCERN FOR WORLD PIEACE. YOURS SINCERELY, MORARJI DESAI. UNQUOTE

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